

**SIERRA VISTA AIRPORT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2016, 5:30 p.m.
SVMA TERMINAL**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jackson called the meeting of the Airport Commission to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Terminal Building of the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport, 2100 Airport Avenue.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Frank Flores, Frank Jackson, Darnell Rambert, James Short, John Voishan, Arthur Weisberger, and Lee Gray (non-voting).

Absent: George Pohlman

ATTENDEES:

City of Sierra Vista: Sharon Flissar (Director of Public Works) and Yvette Matthias.

Public: Carolyn Thompson (LAAF Manager), Ben Middleton, Jon Nelson (Off-Site Operator), Jennifer Weisberger, Joshua Garcia, Clifford VanVleet (EAA 776), and George Clarke (EAA 776/Tenant).

ACCOLADES FOR AVIATORS AND FRIENDS OF THE AIRPORT:

Carol Thompson gave accolades to the 213th aviation regiment who reached their 20,000 flight hours with the Gray Eagle. Jon Nelson acknowledged the great job James Short did with the last aviation safety seminar and also thanked fire base for offering a tour of their site as part of the seminar. Ben Middleton thanked the tanker base for allowing them to tour the equipment.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA – May 11, 2016:

Commissioner Weisberger made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Seconded by Commissioner Short. The motion carried unanimously, 6/0.

ACCEPTANCE OF April 13, 2016 MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Voishan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Commissioner Flores. The motion carried unanimously, 6/0.

REPORTS:

Airport Operations Report – Public Works

- Airport Updates- Sharon Flissar
 - The FAA agreed to fund the Taxiway G & J project and also incorporate the recommended changes from the Part 139 inspection. Construction should begin in about one year.
 - The fire season has been busy so far.
 - There will be new security cameras around the airport to replace the old system with completion within approximately six weeks.

Fort Huachuca/Libby Army Airfield - Carol Thompson:

- The Bradys will be here 16020 May 16. They are bringing a C-17.

City Report - Rachel Gray:

- Current Events – No report.

Commission Report:

- Vacant Hangars (FAA data, locally owned aircraft) - Chairman Jackson mentioned that the location of approximately 55 aircrafts registered in local zip codes are unknown, and George Clarke reported there are over 200 aircrafts listed in Cochise County. Mr. Clarke made a recommendation that the commission send a letter to the aircraft owners to inquire what could be done to get their plane in Sierra

Vista. Discussion followed. Chairman Jackson and Mr. Clarke agreed to prepare a letter to send to the aircraft owners in Cochise County.

- Wave Camp - Commissioner Voishan said that, in the future, for logistic reasons, the Tucson group agreed it is best to bring a motor glider to Sierra Vista. He also mentioned there needs to be a letter of agreement with Albuquerque center. Then he gave kudos to the departure control people during the three and a half hour wave flight last week.
- Council Work Session, Commissions - Chairman Jackson relayed the information discussed at the work session, which included what they would like their commissions to do and that commissions should provide supporting data for things they would like to accomplish. Jon Nelson stated that a mission statement was established for the Airport Commission years ago. Chairman Jackson read the mission statement. Discussion followed.
- Meeting with Simone McFarland, Economic Development - Chairman Jackson said that he and Commissioner Pohlman advised Ms. McFarland that the commission members can provide airport tours to businesses that are interested in moving to the area.

CALL TO PUBLIC

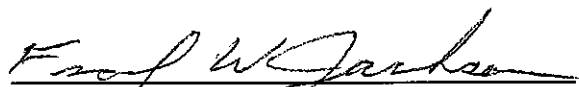
- Carol Thompson mentioned there is a balloon festival October 28 – 30 at Veterans' Memorial Park.
- Jon Nelson explained his vicarious Kodiak quest he posted on Facebook.
- Sharon Flissar advised there are commission terms expiring in October. She reminded the group that there is a 30-day waiting period from the time members are approved by council until officially reappointed to the commission and that City Council meetings are held twice a month.
- George Clarke said that City personnel and another individual accessed the hangars last Friday without notice or an emergency reason.
- Cliff VanVleet announced he took a trip to Normandy and there is a lady in Vernon, France that waves the American, Canadian, and British flags when tours go through her town thanking America for what we did.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Chairman Jackson mentioned that the following terms expire in October: Art Weisberger, John Voishan, Darnell Rambert, and James Short.
- Commissioner Short mentioned that the safety seminar went well and another is planned for September.
- Commissioner Flores said he believes there is a mystery in economic development at the airport. He feels the commission's job is to take away the mystery and make it friendlier and stimulate interest in Sierra Vista.
- Commissioner Rambert said he became interested in the airport last year. Now that he's learned a lot, he tries to share information about what the facility does and ways we support the local community.
- Commissioner Voishan commented that the City needs to provide adequate infrastructure, personnel, and good service to customers that come to the airport now. He also mentioned that the Cowboy Poetry had a great gathering this year. He said their 25th anniversary is next year and would like help brainstorming how to get information out to aviators.
- Commission Weisberger inquired about quantity of vacant hangars.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



Frank Jackson, Chairman